

# Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | August 30-September 3, 2021



## Town Calendar

### September 6

Town offices closed in observance of Labor Day

### September 13 | 5:30

Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting

### September 14 | 4:30 PM

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting

### September 16 | 5:30 PM

Special Board of  
Adjustment Meeting and  
regular Planning & Zoning  
Board Meeting



## SAVE THE DATE

Shred & E-Recycling Day  
October 15

## Stay In Touch!



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910-259-2151



109 N. Walker Street

## New rates to reflect on utility bill due September 10

The Town of Burgaw has not increased water and sewer utility rates since 2015. The costs of operations, maintenance, and sewer treatment continue to increase from year to year. With contractual costs increasing for the treatment of our sewer and to keep our entire system properly maintained, the Board of Commissioners approved water and sewer rate increases with the adoption of the FY 2021-2022 budget. A new stormwater utility fee was also approved in the budget. See insert within the newsletter for more information about the stormwater utility fee. The new rate schedules can be found on our website at [burgawnc.gov/budget](http://burgawnc.gov/budget). The new water and sewer rates, with the addition of the stormwater utility fee, will be reflected on the utility bill due September 10th, which will include usage between mid-July and mid-August.

## Senior Bingo set for September 23

We are so excited to announce our first senior program! Senior Bingo will be held Thursday, September 23rd at 10:00 am at the Burgaw Community House, located at 102 E. Wilmington Street. This event is for anyone ages 55 or better! Bingo will cost \$5 per person, and everyone will receive two cards. There will be plenty of prizes to go around! Feel free to bring your own refreshments to enjoy while you play. Please call the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department at 910-661-3100 for more information or to register.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following **public hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM** (or thereabout) during the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street in Burgaw, NC. **All interested parties are invited to attend; written and oral comments are welcome.**

**Public Hearing #1.** Consideration of a text amendment of the Town of Burgaw Unified Development Ordinance requested by staff to enable a manufacturing complex by amending Section 8.14: Table of Permitted Uses, Special Uses and Special requirements, Section 8.15: Use Standards, Section 8.16: Regulations for Special Uses, Section 17.2: Definitions, and to allow the use of internal LED and LCD lights for signs by amending Section 9.26.6 Sign Standards (B) Illumination (3). Clean up items to revise any cross references referring to Conditional Use to Special Use, amending all Bufferyards references from roman numerals to alphabetical references and Section 8.16: Regulations for Special Uses, Dwelling, Multi-Family deleting the cross reference to Article 16, Chapter V.

BURGAW PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM AND NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

**DEATH OF A GANGSTER**  
A 1920S MURDER MYSTERY  
**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**  
Dinner, Drinks & Show  
\$50 per person - \$90 per couple

September 25 • Doors Open 6pm • Train Depot • 18+ Event  
BUY TICKETS AT [BURGAWNC.GOV/MYSTERY](http://BURGAWNC.GOV/MYSTERY)

Tickets are **SOLD OUT** for the Murder Mystery Dinner for September 25th. Town staff is looking forward to a fun evening at the Historic Train Depot!

## Keep calm and eat more candy!

Make sure to join us on October 23rd for our annual Halloween in the Park event. As all hallows eve approaches, we become more excited to scare up a good time with inflatables, carnival games, face paintings, horse rides, and LOTS OF CANDY. Make sure to leave your broom at the door and come celebrate the spirit of Halloween on October 23rd from 2:00pm -4:00pm at Rotary Park.



with the Town of Burgaw!

**Did you know that recreation is the key to balanced human development? Participation in recreation promotes the acquisition of motor skills, social skills, creativity, and the development of cognitive function, which are important to successful integration into society.**

Get involved today with the Town of Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department by visiting [burgawnc.gov/rec!](http://burgawnc.gov/rec!)



Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift,  
That the power of work is a blessing,  
That love of work is success.

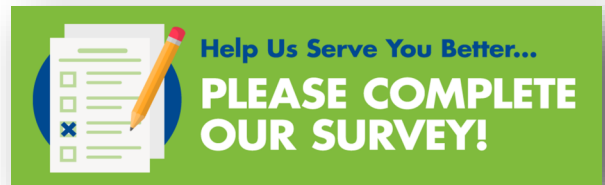
- David O. McKay

HAPPY  
*Labor Day*

Town offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day

## Calling all seniors

The Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department is seeking to offer senior programs to all those ages 55 or better in the greater Burgaw area, and we need your help. If you are ages 55 or better and were unable to attend the Senior Activities Interest Meeting, please take a moment to fill out our quick survey at [burgawnc.gov/seniors](http://burgawnc.gov/seniors) to help us find out which senior activities you would like to see in Town.



## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month and the Town of Burgaw urges everyone to take time to create a plan for your home or business before disaster strikes. We encourage everyone to plan ahead to ensure that your loved ones and our community can recover from an emergency should one occur. For helpful information and checklists, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). During the month of September, we urge you to take note of the weekly tips provided during the campaign.

### Week 1 September 1-4: Make a plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the Coronavirus.





## Share our newsletter with your friends and family

We would like to remind everyone that you can receive our weekly newsletter directly to your cell phone by text message and/or email. Please share with your friends and family. Our newsletter is the best way to stay informed of meetings, special events, and important information. To enroll, visit our website at [www.burgawnc.gov](http://www.burgawnc.gov) and select "Notify Me" on the homepage. There are also options for enrolling to receive emergency notifications or when special events are added to our online calendar.

For assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 663-3441 or email [kwells@burgawnc.gov](mailto:kwells@burgawnc.gov).

### *Historic Burgaw Train Depot*

Prints by Ivey Hayes

Available for purchase at Town Hall for only \$20!

Makes great gifts for your Burgaw friends and family!



## *Business* SPOTLIGHT

WEEKLY FEATURE SPONSORED BY BURGAW TDA

### *Burgaw Antiqueplace*



- WHAT:** Fine antiques, unusual collectibles and curiosities, original art, craft supplies and homemade fudge
- WHERE:** 101 S. Wright Street, Burgaw
- HOURS:** Tuesday-Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM  
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM; Closed Monday
- PHONE:** 910-259-7070
- EMAIL:** [oldfinds@intrstar.net](mailto:oldfinds@intrstar.net)
- WEBSITE:** [burgawantiqueplace.com](http://burgawantiqueplace.com)

**Want your  
business  
featured?**

Each week, the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA) will select a registered business to be featured as TDA's Business Spotlight of the Week. Keep in mind that depending on the number of applicants, it may take time before your business is featured as Business spotlight of the Week. Provide all required details to register your business. Please only register your business once. Registration is only open to businesses inside the Burgaw corporate limits. Participants can register by visiting [burgawnc.gov/spotlight](http://burgawnc.gov/spotlight).

## Stay safe and participate in the 9 PM routine

The Burgaw Police Department would like all citizens to take a little extra time every evening to help deter criminal activities around town. Call family and friends and ask them to join you by participating in the "9 PM Routine." We encourage everyone to make it a habit to do the following actions each evening:

1. Turn on outside lights,
2. Ensure your windows and doors are closed and locked,
3. Close and secure garage and/or shed doors,
4. Remove any valuables from your vehicles and make sure they are locked, and
5. Report any suspicious activities or vehicles.



Remember to  
keep your phone  
number updated  
on your utility  
account!

## Utility Bill Reminders

- All utility payments are **due by the 10th** of the month.
- The Town allows a **grace period until the 15th** of the month.
- **Late fees are imposed on all delinquent accounts on the 16th** of the month.
- **Disconnects occur on the 21st** of the month for delinquent accounts.

NOTE: If you plan to pay around the 15th or 21st, we encourage you to make your payment by phone, visit Town Hall, or utilize the drop box. Online payments take 24-48 hours to reflect on your account in the utility billing system.

## What's COOKING IN OUR TOWN



## SKILLET MAC & CHEESE

### You Will Need

- 2 cups uncooked pasta, such as elbow noodles
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1.5 cups half-and-half cream
- 3/4 lb. process cheese (Velveeta), cubed
- Optional toppings: fresh arugula, halved cherry tomatoes and coarsely ground pepper

### Directions

- 1) Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.
- 2) Meanwhile, in a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually whisk in cream. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat; stir in cheese until melted.
- 3) Add macaroni; cook and stir until heated through. Top as desired.

**Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your community?**

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town!* Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at [kwells@burgawnc.gov](mailto:kwells@burgawnc.gov) or drop off at Town Hall.



# Stormwater Management Utility Fee & Rate Guide

**Beginning July 1, 2021, all owners or tenants of property within the Town Limits of Burgaw will be charged a stormwater fee.**

## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is excess rainwater that runs off from land surfaces during and following rainfall. A certain amount of rainfall will naturally soak into the ground, particularly if the land cover is vegetated or has a tree canopy. Before land is developed for beneficial purposes, a significant portion of rainfall soaks (infiltrates) into the ground, thereby resulting in much less surface runoff.

In developed conditions, however, less of the rainfall can soak into the ground and surface runoff generally increases. Increased runoff contributes to higher peak flows in drainage systems and receiving streams, as well as a greater volume of runoff. Higher peak flows and greater volume contribute to urban stormwater management concerns, including flooding safety hazards, property damage, soil and stream erosion, and impacts to surface water quality and stream health.

## Why use "impervious area" in determining stormwater charges?

The billing of all properties (residential or commercial) is based on impervious area. Impervious area is a term used to refer to hard surfaces on a property that do not allow rain to soak into the ground. Roofs, garages, carports, storage sheds, commercial buildings and concrete, gravel, or asphalt driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and patios are all considered impervious areas.

The Stormwater Fee structure reflects the amount of runoff that each individual property contributes to the community's overall stormwater runoff. The more impervious surface area on a property, the greater the amount of stormwater that runs off into our culverts and streams, thus the greater the demand on the drainage infrastructure. The fee is set up so that properties that produce more runoff are assessed a greater stormwater fee.

## What is an Equivalent Unit Residential (ERU) and how was it developed?

An Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is the unit of measurement that the Town of Burgaw uses for billing the Stormwater Fee. The ERU was developed by reviewing the impervious area of a statistical sampling of representative properties in Burgaw. Each property was measured and a median impervious surface area was determined to be about 2,400 square feet. Therefore, 2,400 sq. ft. equals one (1) ERU. All commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family properties were also measured. These properties will be assessed one (1) ERU for each 2,400 sq ft of impervious surface per month.

## Who has to pay the stormwater utility fee?

Beginning July 1, 2021, all owners or tenants of property within the Town Limits of Burgaw will be charged a stormwater fee. Properties outside of the Town's corporate limits are not subject to the fee.

## How often are customers billed?

Stormwater Management Utility customers are billed monthly on the same bill as their water and sewer services. Customers who do not receive water and sewer services from the Town will receive a stormwater utility bill on the same monthly billing cycle.

## How to determine your Stormwater Management Utility Fees

### Single-family Properties

All Single Family Detached Properties  
Shall be Billed for One (1) ERU per Month. **\$2.50**

### Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Multi-family Properties

Based on ERU Calculation of Impervious Surface **\$2.50 / ERU**  
2,400 sq ft of Impervious Surface = 1 ERU

**EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU)** - Two thousand four hundred (2,400) square feet of impervious surface.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA** shall mean developed areas of land that prevent or significantly impede the infiltration of stormwater into the soil. Typical impervious surface areas include, but are not limited to: roofs, sidewalks, walkways, patios, swimming pools, private driveways, parking lots, access extensions, alleys and other paved, engineered, compacted or gravel surfaces containing materials that prevent or significantly impede the natural infiltration of stormwater into the soil.

**For More Information, Visit:** <https://BurgawNC.gov/stormwater>



# 2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at [BurgawNC.gov](http://BurgawNC.gov).

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or [kwells@burgawnc.gov](mailto:kwells@burgawnc.gov).

## Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM  
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

## Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

## Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority

First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

## Police Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM



## Town Hall

109 N. Walker St.  
Burgaw, NC 28425  
910-259-2151  
[mail@burgawnc.gov](mailto:mail@burgawnc.gov)  
[www.burgawnc.gov](http://www.burgawnc.gov)

## Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Monday-Friday

## Utilities

663-3445

## Parks & Town Events

300-6401

## Human Resources

663-3444

## Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

## Public Works Department

259-2901

## Police Department

Non-Emergency  
259-4924

## Fire Department

Non-Emergency  
259-7494

## Elected & Appointed Officials

### Mayor

Kenneth T. Cowan

### Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

### Commissioners

Jan Dawson  
James Murphy  
Bill George  
Vernon Harrell

### Town Manager

James H. Gantt

### Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

### Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark

## 2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

EAST side of Railroad      WEST side of Railroad  
Right-of-way                      Right-of-way

July 14	July 7
July 28	July 21
August 11	August 4
August 25	August 18
September 8	September 1
September 22	September 15
October 6	September 29
October 20	October 13
November 3	October 27
November 17	November 10
December 1	November 24
December 15	December 8
December 29	December 22

*"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street*

## Stay IN THE KNOW

Sign up with "Notify Me" on our website to receive the weekly newsletter and other important information directly to your email and/or via text message!

Visit [BurgawNC.gov](http://BurgawNC.gov) to sign up today!

## BURGAW, NC

### T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just \$10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.



*Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority*



## Public Works Emergency Response Number

**PHONE # 910-470-0457**

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.